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INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
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Film Clearance
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number and nature of requests received from International Filmmakers annually;

(b) whether the government is working on a three point agenda to facilitate film makers with faster clearance to produce and shoot films in India, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is working with Home Ministry on how film clearance with no security issues, threat to conservation of heritage and environment, could be expedited, if so, the details thereof and the time by which a decision is likely to be taken in the matter;

(d) whether the Government has any proposal to set up facilitation office in major cities that will function as a one stop facility for film makers to apply for shooting and production clearances; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to formulate a policy to promote itself as a destination for filmmakers?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING [COL. RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE (Retd.)] :

(a) to (e): During the year 2015 (till date), a total number of 33 requests from foreign filmmakers for shooting in India were received. The requests include shooting of feature films and Television shows. Government has taken several steps to promote India as a filming destination and to promote Indian film industry. The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has taken up with Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of External Affairs the issues relating to easing of visa norms as well as simplification of procedures for according permission, duly taking into consideration the security concerns and other related issues.

The Government has accorded necessary approval for setting up of Film Facilitation Office (FFO) with the help of National Film Development Corporation, to be located at Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata. The FFO is a facilitation point for the foreign film producers in assisting them to procure requisite permission and to disseminate information on shooting locations and the facilities available with the Indian film industry for production/post production.
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